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wherein said housing defines a slot traversing said contacts and being suitable for receiving an edge of a circuit board, and wherein a connection portion of each contact extends from said rear portion of said housing into said slot such that when said housing is mounted to a circuit board a portion of said connection portion makes contact with the circuit board.

16. (Twice Amended) A modular jack connector assembly comprising:

a dielectric housing having a front and rear orientation and defining at least one receptacle adapted for receiving an RJ standard compliant mating plug; and a plurality of contacts disposed in said housing, each contact being secured to a rear portion of said housing, each contact extending forward in said receptacle from said rear portion to a free end such that a portion of said contact forward of said rear portion electrically connects with a mating plug when the mating plug is received within said receptacle wherein said contacts are less thick and more narrow than those conforming to the RJ-standard.

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A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes made is attached hereto as Appendix A.